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HOTTEST DAY YET; MERCURY 95

STOOD AT 90 AFTER SUNSET AND WILL BE HIGH TO-DAY.

New York for Once Almost as Hot as Philadelphia -- Air Dry, Breeze Stiff, but Warm-Subway Cooler This Time Than Street Level-Eastport, Me., Was Cool.

It was a blistering day, the hottest of the summer by five degrees, and although the breeze sometimes sent the bunting flying out to horizontal, having a force of twenty-six miles, there was no relief in it. It came out of the arid west and was like a blast from a furnace. At times there was hardly enough moisture in the air to induce perspiration. Blowing across asphalted places the breeze acquired more heat and made thermometers that it smote rise like the red liquid in an elevator in-

Some of the more ardent thermometers that faced the sun got up to 104 degrees. The actual temperature as measured on top of the American Surety Building, where Forecaster Emery translates aerial meanings, was 95 degrees at 4 o'clock P. M., and then the breeze was at top notch. There was one town hotter than New York, and that was Philadelphia, the hottest on the continent, not even excepting the very warmest places down among the orange groves and alligators. Philadelphia had 96 degrees.

The crest of the heat wave was over the coastwise part of New York, all over New Jersey, part of Pennsylvania and most of Connecticut. Down at Atlantic City the temperature was only one degree less than was here, and the westerly breeze, being offshore, made the city by the sea seem as if it had been moved out Nevada Desert

The heat here hung on even after the sun went down, and at 8 o'clock last night the thermometer, even on the cool official tower, marked 90 degrees. Nearly everywhere else where it had been intensely hot in the day the temperature at night was at stifling

There was one oasis in the dusty desert of torridity and that was Eastport, Me., where last night folks were sleeping under blankets with the mercury down to 52 degrees. Even Chicago, which had a maximum of 94 degrees in the afternoor, was comfortable last night with 74 degrees. The tumble of twenty degrees was due to the wind shifting from the hot quarter and coming off the watery back yard of the town.

Forecaster Emery sat last night out on the breezy roof of his observatory, with as little on as the law allows, and declared that the breeze was a deception and a snare, as there was nothing in it but heat for a long stretch of parched territory extending as far as Nebraska. These were some of the figures he reeled off from telegraphic reports that perspiring messenger boys delivered to him at five minute intervals:

Davenport, Ia., 94 degrees; Omaha, 94 degrees; Milwaukee, 94 degrees; Kansas City, 94 degrees; Cincinnati, 94 degrees; Scranton, 94 degrees; North Platte, 94

To the southward-that is, below Washington it was not so warm as it was in the West and hereabouts. There was nothing on the weather map last night to show that the altitudinous figures of yesterday were going to be less lofty to-day. Conditions at sea may give rise to a change, but there are no weather stations on the deep to tell us.

The barometric records on the map indicated no disturbance that will be likely to break up the hot wave. Washington last night reinforced the opinion of the local prophets by predicting "continued high temperature to-day and to-morrow and light to west to southwest winds." Winds from these points are likely to be just as hot as they were yesterday, and

maybe a little hotter. For the first time since the hot weather came, the subway yesterday was cool compared to the surface. There wasn't much air moving about the platforms, except on the few stations that have been fitted with electric fans, but they were far more comfortable than the street level was. In the trains there was plenty of air. Once they were in motion there was a continual breeze that was very pleasing and exhilarating to the passengers because it was so unexpected. All the car doors, front and rear, are kept open, and the rear doors of the last cars on both the local and express trains have been kept open, letting the air gush through the entire train. This creates a draft, but it is cooling.

On days of high temperature the employees of the subway say traffic falls off considerably. Traffic seemed to be lighter yesterday than on any hot day we have had so far. Heretofore the subway on warm days has not been cooler than above ground, but yesterday was an exception, and the fault finders of the heat in the subway will have to admit it.

Twenty-nine heat prostrations were reported by the police in Manhattan and The Bronx, with seven in Brooklyn. One death from the heat was reported in Manhattan and one in Brooklyn. The latter was the case of a man who died in a Flushing avenue car crossing the Bridge.

Thousands of Italians who live in Frog Hollow, at 149th street, slept in the streets last night, most of them bringing mattresse and blankets, and a few even beds. The police had to drive them off the streets frequently to make passage room for vehicles as well as for foot travelers. Near the Jerome Park reservoir, where there is another colony of Italians, the conditions were much the same, many of them taking their beds over to the park and sleeping there. Trolley car riding was a popular way of passing the evening.

ROOSEVELT TRYING TO BE COOL. Spends Most of a Hot Day In and On the Water.

OYSTER BAY, July 17.-President Roose velt has appointed Commander Cameron McRae Winslow to command the Mayflower, which will be one of the ships that will bring the peace plenipotentiaries here from New York. The other ship will be the Dolphin. From Oyster Bay the ships

will take the envoys to Portsmouth. The heat was so great to-day that the President spent almost the entire day on the water and in it. He telephoned acting Secretary Barnes not to come until 5 o'clock in the afternoon with his letters and routine work. No official visitor came to-day and none is expected to-morrow.

NORTHERN NEW YORK BROUGHT NEARER. "The Second Empire" of the New York Central brings all Central and Northern New York nearer to the Metropoils. Oswego, 8 hours; Clayton. 8 hours; Watertown 734 hours.—Adv.

MURPHY CHAUFFEUR STILL FREE Jury Again Fails to Agree That Tammany Leader's Man Scorched.

PATCHOGUE, July 17.-Carl R. Steadman, chauffeur for Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, was retried this evening before Justice H. Clay Losee upon a charge of having on May 22 last exceeded the lega speed limits while running an automobile in West Main street this village. The jury disagreed, as did a previous one, which had neard the flatly contradictory evidence.

The automobile which Steadman was running belongs to Mr. Murphy, but the Tammany chief did not figure in the affair at all, except as owner, as he was not in the car, George W. Loft, who was Mr. Murphy's guest on the day in question, being the chief occupant when Steadman was halted.

There were several adjournments during June when the case was called for trial, Mr. Loft electing to make a fight for Steadman. The adjournments were had on one pretext or another, usually because some material witness was absent, but on June 29 the case went to trial and the deputy sheriffs who made the arrest swore flatly the machine was going far in excess of ten miles an hour. With equal positiveness it was testified by Steadman. Loft and others that the machine was going very slowly and well within the limit. That

jury disagreed, three and three. A new trial was set for this evening and a panel of jurors drawn from outside of Patchogue. It was exhausted when four men had been accepted, so an emergency panel of local men was obtained, and two

of them were chosen to fill the box. The testimony was a repetition of that given at the first trial and again the jury failed to agree. This time it stood four to acquit and two to convict. One of the Patchogue men voted to convict and the other to acquit. It was exceedingly hot and the Justice excused the jury after a short session when it was seen that they could not agree. It is not believed the case will be tried again.

RICH MAN IMPUGNS MARRIAGE On Ground of Wife's Vold Divorce, Such as Figured in Morse Case.

Henry Sanford, a mechanical engineer of the firm of Bellman & Sanford, has begun action in the Supreme Court to have his marriage to Jessie Grace Engeman Sanford anulled on the ground that the divorce she had obtained from her first husband, Engeman, was invalid under the laws of this

State Sanford inherited a fortune on the death of his grandfather, who bore the same name. John D. Lindsay, for Mrs. Sanford, appeared yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Giegerich and asked for an allowance of alimony pending the trial of the suit. Mr. Lindsay stated on the argument that Sanford has an income of over \$50,000 a year and lives at the rate of fully \$20,000. Without touching on the details of the case, Mr. Lindsay said that his client had a good de-

fence to the action. Arthur L. Livermore, counsel for Sanford, opposed the application on the ground that Mrs. Sanford has no case and is therefore not entitled to alimony. Mr. Livermore said that Mrs. Sanford had obtained a divorce in Wyoming in 1900, but that neither she nor her husband. Engeman, was a resident of Wyoming at the time. Justice Giegerich took the motion under advise-

Neither Mr. Lindsay nor Mr. Livermore would discuss the suit yesterday, and Mr. row and be ready for any examination Mr. Sanford was out of town. His partner, Mr. Bellman, referred all inquiries to Mr. Liver-

LETS DANIELL OUT OF JAIL. Justice Bischoff Terminates Imprisonment

for Fallure to Pay Allmony. Supreme Court Justice Bischoff released William Sohier Daniell from Ludlow Street Jail yesterday. Daniell was arrested some weeks ago for failure to pay alimony to his former wife, Elizabeth G. Rock, who divorced him three years ago. Arrears of alimony to the amount of \$5,500 have accumulated at the rate of \$150 a month.

Daniell has remarried since the divorce and is now in poor circumstances. He was disinherited by his grandfather, John mas disinferred by his grandiather, John Daniell, the dry goods merchant, and he did not succeed in the brokerage business. His counsel, Charles O. Maas, represented to Justice Bischoff that Daniell's health to Justice Bischoff that Daniell's health was failing in jail, and that his continued imprisonment simply prevented him from attempting to make a living and pay off his debts. He has no friends willing to come to his financial aid, it is said, and cannot raise any money. His former wife is said to be well to do in her own right. She lives at 31 East Fifty-seventh street.

NOW THE ICEMAN HAS STRUCK There Will Be a New Face at the Area Door To-day, if Any.

Seven hundred ice handlers employed by the American Ice Company went on strike yesterday for higher wages and shorter hours. The drivers didn't join the men who stand on the back platforms

of the ice wagons.

Since the hot spell set in there has been a good deal of grumbling among the ice handlers. They complained of being scolded by housewives because ice melted quickly, as well as of the long hours of work and the low pay. They say they have to work from 6 or 7 in the morning until as late as 10 and

The company began to fill the places of the strikers and the strikers began to jeer the new men. The strikers gathered at the ice depots and so many got together at the company's plant, 528 to 554 West Sixteenth street, that George W. Westall, the manager, sent to the West Twentieth street police station to ask protection for the new men. Partolmen were detailed the new men. Partolmen were detailed to watch the place and the other depots of the company. Late in the afternoon Edward Russell, 28 years old, of 437 West Thirty-second street was arrested at Tenth avenue and Sixteenth street on the charge of disorderly conduct. It was alleged that he was interfering with the new men

KANSAS FULL OF WHEAT. Harvest Worth Three Times the Present Value of the Land.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 17.—Stories from the wheat threshing show this year's crop to be a record breaker. General Passenger to be a record breaker. General Passenger Ag ent Black of the Santa Fé to-day received notice of a yield of ninety bushels an acre in Ford county. Of course, this is an exception, but many fields report a yield of over fifty bushels an acre. The remarkable fact is that the heaviest yield and the finest berry are found in western Kansas. In hundreds of instances the wheat crop harvested this year is worth three or four times the present value of the land. The Santa Fé officials say the State's yield will be more than 80 0 0,000 State's yield will be more than 80 000,000

Dew 's Sauterne and Dry Moselle Wines H. T. Dowey & Sons Co., 133 Fulton St., New York,

TOWN TOPICS GIVES UP BOOKS

YES IN THE AFTERNOON FOL-LOWS NO IN THE MORNING.

Grand Jury Subponnes Duces Tecum Meantime Had Been Issued for Justice Deuel. Daniels and Wooster-Martin Engel Bails Ahle Out of the Tombs.

For the present at least it will not be necessary for the District Attorney to have a Grand Jury investigation to find out who subscribed for "Fads and Fancies" and who got the \$150,000 paid in on subscriptions for the book which Town Topics started four years ago and which has not' yet left the hands of the printer. There was a change yesterday in the attitude of the representatives of Town Topics, who at first declined to produce the books, but later decided to let District Attorney Jerome have access to them.

Early yesterday morning Edward Lauterbach, counsel for Town Topics in this particular case, telephoned to Assistant District Attorney Krotel and asked him what was wanted of Town Topics.

"Mr. Jerome." said Mr. Krotel, "is very anxious to see the books of Town Topics. We have asked W. L. Daniels, the secretary and treasurer of the company, to produce them, but he says that Justice Deuel is the only one who has that authority. Justice Deuel tells me that he has not the authority In the absence of Col. W. D. Mann, he says, Daniels is the only authorized person. I am also informed that Justice Deuel has advised Daniels not to produce the books until he has consulted with you.

"Well, he has consulted with me." said Mr. Lauterbach, in substance. "I have advised him that I do not think he should produce the books while Col. Mann is away."

"In that event," said Mr. Krotel, "Mr. Jerome has decided to have a Grand Jury "Then the only thing we can do is to fight

it." said Mr. Lauterbach. Grand Jury subposnas were promptly issued for Justice Deuel, Daniels and Moses Ellis Wooster, who got the subscriptions for "Fads and Fancies," and who then started the Society Editors' Association to produce "America's Smart Set." The subponas were served on Justice Deue and Daniels about noon and instructed them to appear before the Grand Jury to-day and bring with them not only all the books pertaining to "Fad and Fancies,"

but all the books of Town Topics. . The subposna for Wooster called for the production of the agreement by which, both he and Daniels declare, Wooster was to get 50 per cent. of the profits and the other half was to be split in thirds between Col. Mann, Justice Deuel and Town Topics.

Some four hours after the subposnas had been issued and served Mr. Lauterbach telephoned to Mr. Jerome that it was not necessary to have a Grand Jury investigation and that Mr. Jerome or his representatives could see the books. The books will be examined to-day at the office of Town Topics by Mr. Krotel and an accountant. After his talk with Mr. Lauterbach Mr. Jerome said:

"Owing to his judicial engagements it will be impracticable for Justice Deuel to respond to the subpæna to-morrow. He will however, be in a position to do so either Wednesday or Thursday. Daniels and Wooster will call at this office to-mor-Krotel may think necessary.

While Mr. Jerome's investigation directed principally at the business methods of "Fads and Fancies," he also wants to look into the Town Topics books. A Justice of Special Sessions is barred from private practise under the law. Justice Denel says that he has not done any legal work for Town Topics since he has been on the bench, and whatever advice he may have given has been given in a friendly spirit because he is a friend of Col. Mann and of the paper. He says that he did not get a third of the 50 per cent. left after Wooster got his share of the \$150,000 collected for 'Fads and Fancies" and that there was no such agreement with Wooster. In some cases, Justice Deuel says, Mr. Lauterbach acted for Town Topics and at other times Howe & Hummel and other lawyers were employed, it all depending on the

Charles H. Ahle, the solicitor for the Society Editors' Association, who is accused of having attempted to blackmail Edwin M. Post into putting up \$500 for America's Smart Set." was released from the Tombs yesterday on \$3,500 bail given by Martin Engel.

NORTH RIVER JOLTS.

Dreamland Smashes Hoboken Ferryboat a Little-Chapman Hits Monmouth.

With over 300 passengers on board, most of whom were women, the Coney Island steamer Dreamland crashed into the Hoboken ferryboat Lackawanna shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, causing a small panic on her own decks and great excitement on board the ferryboat.

The Dreamland had left her pier at 129th street and steamed down the North River near the Jersey shore. There was a strong ebb tide, and when the boat turned to make her landing at Twenty-second street she was caught in its grip and carried down on the ferryboat, which was on the way from Hoboken to Twenty-third street. Swinging with the tide, the Dreamland drove he bow into the Lackawanna's port side a little abaft the paddlebox, smashing a large hole

into the cabin and overhang. The passengers on both boats saw the eccident was coming and great confusion followed the crash. The crews of both boats hastened to assure the passengers that there was no danger, and after quiet was restored took stock of the damage. The Dreamland had only a few scratches and some paint knocked off the bow. She

and some paint knocked off the bow. She backed away from the ferryboat and both vessels proceeded to their riers.

Some 200 of the Dreamland's passengers deserted her when she reached Twenty-second street, but as many more went on board, and alter the officers had made another examination of her bow she proceeded on her way to the island. The ferryanother examination of ner low she pro-ceeded on her way to the island. The ferry-boat carried passengers on her return trip to Hoboken, after which she went to the repair docks of the company to have her good looks restored. The steam lighter

good looks restored.

The steam lighter William H. Chapman and the ferryboat Monmouth of the Central Railroad of New Jersey came together off Pier 6, North River, a little later. The Chapman struck the Monmouth on the starboard side well forward, carrying away part of the Monmouth's railing. The Chapman had her bow slightly damaged. The ferryboat put in at Pier 6, and after landing her passengers started for the Jersey side to be of repaired. The accident was caused by a misunderstanding of signals.

TO ASSIST ENGINEER STEVENS. Jackson Smith to Sall With Him for Colon on Thursday.

Jackson Smith, lately assistant to President Metcalf of the Mexican National Railroad system, has been appointed personal assistant to John F. Stevens, chief engineer of the Panama Canal. Mr. Smith, who was at the Waldorf last night, confirmed the news of his appointment. He is the per-

sonal choice of Mr. Stevens. Mr. Smith, a South Carolina man, about 40 years old, received his training as a practical railroad man on the Louisville and Nashville road and has spent five years in the tropics, first as manager of construction for the Guayaquil and Quito Railroad of Ecuador and later as assistant to the head of the Mexican railroad system. He has had experience in assembling and managing large bodies of men on construction work. He will leave for the Isthmus with Mr. Stevens, when the chief engineer sails on Thursday aboard the Panama

109 BABIES IN PORT.

Haverford Didn't Need a Siren All the Way Across.

PHILADELPHIA, July 17 .- The big American liner Haverford looked like a floating nursery as she bumped into her dock at the Washington avenue wharf this morning. In the cabins, on the decks and in the steerage the cries of infants arose above the din of engines and the clank of chains. There were Syrian babies and English babies, black, white, yellow and brown babies, just 109 in all.

The boarding officers hailed Capt. Neilson as he stood on the bridge. "Haverford ahoy! What are you carrying-babies and

nursing bottles?" "And up in arms they were the whole time over," said one of the cabin stewards Never did I sail with such a bawling,

squalling cargo. "We did not need the sirens while those kids were awake, and they never went to

sleep together."

QUEEN'S NEW RED CROSS SOCIETY. Alexandra Makes a Speech Urging the

Need of the Work. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, July 17.-The King and Queen lately inaugurated the formation of a new Red Cross society to cooperate with all existing societies in succoring the sick and wounded in time of war. The council appointed the Queen president and Lord Rothschild chairman. At a meeting at Buckingham Palace the Queen made a speech briefly outlining the objects of

the society. In conclusion she said: "I now appeal to all the women of the empire to assist me in carrying out the great scheme, which is essentially the work of women and which is the one only way in which we can assist our brave and gallant army and navy to perform their arduous duties in time of war.

CLARENCE DOLAN INDIGNANT.

He and His Chauffeur Both Fined for the One Offense.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 17. - Clarence W. Dolan of Philadelphia was called on to-day to pay two fines for the speeding of his automobile, one for the chauffeur of \$20 and costs and a similar amount for himself. He was summoned to appear before a special ses sion of the police court late this afternoon and on his arrival at the police station he was very indignant and demanded to know what he was wanted for. The warrant was read to him which charged that he "did ride and drive faster than a common

traveling pace." Mr. Dolan began to argue, claiming that it was his man who was driving the machine. He was informed by the chief of police that all he was called on to do was to plead guilty or not guilty, and if not guilty he could have an opportunity to prove it in the district court. Mr. Dolan pleaded not guilty, and bail was fixed at \$100. Mr. Dolan offered cash bail, which was refused, and the court would not accept bail from an attorney who was in

court. Mr. Dolan did not know what to do His chauffeur advised him to plead guilty, which he finally did and paid his fine, stating that he had paid twice for the same offence. Judge Franklin holds that an owner of a machine who is in it at the time of violation of the law is as guilty as the

PANAMA WELFARE MANAGER. Dorchester Man Is Appointed and Will Go With Shonts.

Boston, July 17.-William J. Nazro o Dorchester, who won a gold medal for welfare work at St. Louis, has just received an appointment as welfare manager of the National Civic Federation, the employees of which are engaged on the construction of the Panama Canal. Mr. Nazro will be assisted by E. A. Moffatt, editor of the Bricklayer and Mason. Nazro was graduated from Harvard with the class of '97. After a course of three years in gardening and architecture he entered the employ of the Plymouth Cordage Company as welfare

Nazro has had a large experience in landscape gardening and laying out of recreation grounds, having supplemented his college course by a year of travel in France and Italy giving special attention to the study of these features. He will sail for the Isthmus from New York with Commissioner Shonts and Chief Engineer Stevens on July 20 to investigate the needs Stevens on July 20 to investigate the needs and opportunities of the situation and will make recommendations to the commiss

R. A. C. SMITH'S AUTO AFIRE. Only the Driver in It-Machine Damaged About \$800 Worth.

An automobile owned by R. A. C. Smith of 100 Broadway took fire at Amsterdam avenue and Sixty-fifth street last night, and before the flames were put out about

Only the driver was in the machine.

Not to Enforce Fine Against the Roosevelt James R. Garfield, Acting Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, notified Collector Stranahan yesterday to refrain from enforcing the fine in the case of Commodore Peary's vessel, the Roosevelt. The Roosevelt was fined \$500 for coming from Maine under a master carpenter's license, and was allowed to sail for the North Pole under bond. This action of the Department is taken as an indication that

The West Shore Railroad is the \$8.00 line to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Up the Hudson and through the Mohawk Valley.—Adv.

WOMEN MOB BOAT ROCKER

HE ALL BUT CAUSED DROWNING OF THREE YOUNG GIRLS.

Two Seamps Enter Boat Despite Protest of Occupants-Capsize It While the Girls Scream-Swim Ashore, Leaving Victims for Real Men to Rescue.

The fool who rocks the boat was in evidence on Audubon Beach, at 151st street and he Hudson River, yesterday afternoon, and for once he got his just deserts. In the middle of the afternoon a crowd of young men, said to belong to the Paul Kelly Association, appeared at the beach and began to make things unpleasant for the other bath-

When their fun was at its height three girls, Agnes McLaughlin of 261 West 121st street, Nellie Hatton of the same address, and Carrie Bauer of 67 West 108th street, approached the float in a small boat. One of the youths, who afterward said he was Samuel Brooks of 229 Fifth street, and an unknown man, were standing on the float in bathing suits, and as the boat drew in they caught hold and step ped on board. The girls protested, but the men took the oars and rowed out into the stream. When a short distance out Brooks stood up and began to rock the boat. The girls screamed and called out that they could not swim but Brooks kept on until the boat filled with water and capsized. Paying no attention to the cries of the girls, Brooks and his companion swam for shore without making

even an attempt at rescue.

The beach was crowded at the time and three men promptly went in after the drowning girls. Edward Maher was not in a bathing suit, but that did not stop him, and George King of the Knickerbocker Canoe Club and E. C. Seabury, a newspaper man, followed quickly. Seabury got hold of the Bauer girl, but had a hard fight to make the beach. He got her within reach of the people on shore, but went down himself and was rescued by William Miller, a lifesaver from Manhattan Beach. Mahe and King got the other girls ashore without much trouble, and the three were carried to the pavilion, where restoratives were administered.

Meanwhile the crowd had discovered Brooks, who had apparently remained to see the finish of his work. As soon as his identity was made known the women on the beach mobbed him, the lifesavers joined in and there was talk of throwing him into the river when Policeman Gallagher of the West 152d street station came up and took

Brooks at first denied that he had tipped the boat over and then said that he didn't mean to do it. He refused to dress until the policeman threatened to turn him over to the tender mercies of the crowd, when he gave in and was taken to the station house, followed by a hooting crowd. At the station house Brooks was identified by the girls as the man who caused the capsizing of the boat. He was locked up charged with elonious assault.

BROOKLYN'S WATER FAMINE.

Pressure Further Reduced-All Sprinkling Carts Withdrawn From Streets.

The officials of the Water Department in Brooklyn and Chief Engineer De Varona had another conference yesterday in reference to the continued decrease of the supply in the storage reservoirs, and as a precautionary measure the reduction in pressure from ten to five pounds will be maintained until rains bring relief. Yesterday morning the total amount in the reservoirs was only 506,743,300, as against 935.281,200 on the corresponding day last year. This notice was issued by Deputy Commissioner Farrell:

Commissioner Farrell:

"To relieve as much as possible the inconvenience and discomfort to our citizens by the reduction of pressure made
necessary owing to the lack of rainfall
and the consequent inadequacy of the supply, the Department of Water Supply, Gas
and Electricity will endeavor to give as ply, the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity will endeavor to give as near full pressure as is possible between the hours of 8 P. M. and 10 P. M. so that parties using water above the street floor level can fill the necessary receptacles to give them sufficient supply for domestic purposes during the following day. All consumers are warned that the utmost care must be exercised in the use of water poles the pressure must be still further else the pressure must be still further

Deputy Fire Chief Lally has given instruction to have men placed on special duty at the largest mains in the various fire districts so as to open the water cocks in the largest mains in the various fire districts so as to open the water cocks are the largest mains in the largest mains in the various fire districts are seen as seen a to their full pressure in case of second or

third alarms.

Deputy Commissioner Farrell directed
Supt. Clarke of the Street Cleaning Department to shut off all the sprinklers and water carts now in use in the department.

BURGLARS NEAR MRS. COHEN'S. Girl Heard Them Trying to Enter Flat

-Caught Aft er Hot Chase. John Rawley, 22 years old, of 64 East 115th street and John Connolley of 1860 Third avenue were arrested yesterday afternoon at 113th street and Fifth avenue after a chase of several blocks, in which over a hundred people took part. The two were found on the second floor of the flat house at 66 West 118th street by Miss Bertha Kramer, who told the police that they were trying to get into the apartment of Jacob Schindler, across the hall from her. The Schindlers went to Arverne last Saturday to spend the summer.

Miss Kramer heard a noise and when she looked out saw the two men trying to open the Schindlers' door. She yelled "thieves," and the two ran up the stairs to the roof. Mrs. Lawlor, who lives on the floor above, ran out in time to see them going up the stairs. Both women ran after the men velling for help.

Connolley and Rawley ran to the corner to the

house at Lenox avenue. Mrs. Lawlor and Miss Kramer then turned back, and by the time they gained the street the two men had come down the stairs, too, and started toward Fifth avenue. The women gave chase and were joined by Policeman Cox of the Fact 128th street station. he East 126th street station

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The two men ran on to 113th street, where they came upon an express wagon, into which they jumped. Connolley whipped up the horse and started down Fifth avenue, but Policeman Cox overtook them. He climbed into the wagon, and nad to use his club before he could get the men to stop and submit to arrest.

They were taken to the East 126th street station. They had a jimmy and other burglars' tools. The place the men tried to get into is just around the corner from the residence of, Mrs. Bertha Cohen, who was found Saturday morning tied to the bedpost in her apartments at 1452 Fifth avenue with some of her diamonds missing and the house on fire. and the house on fire.

BURGLARS AND SNEAK THIEVES and dishonest servants can be insured against by a policy of THE APTNA INDEMNITY CO. Particulars. 68 William St., N. Y. City. Tel. 4670—John.—Ada.

PRESIDENT GIVES CUP TO BABY. Hopes Silver Gift to Secret Service Man's

Kid Will Stimulate Others. OYSTER BAY, July 17 .- The President to-day presented a silver cup to a baby boy born to James O Brzezinski, one of the Secret Service agents stationed here. It happened like this:

Last week the President read of the event in the Brzezinski family in a newspaper.

Who is Brzezinski," he called from the library window to Secretary Loeb, who was just then mounting his horse preparatory to leaving the grounds. The secretary described Brzezinski.

"I don't seem to remember him," said the President, "but anyhow, you'd better order a nice silver cup for the baby. It may encourage some of the other boys, he added, with a meaning look at Secret Service Agent Sloan, who was standing on

the lawn near by. Sloan, who is always with the President has been married several years, but no heir to the Sloan millions has yet appeared.

When the news of the President's gift was broken to Brzezinski he remarked: "I always did intend to name that kid Theodore.

MIRAGE.

Shadow leeberg Inverted Over Real One

Ship Gliding Through the Sky. A pinnacled iceberg, the largest sighted this season, was passed off the Banks on Friday by the Atlantic Transport liner Minnetonka, in yesterday. It was crowned with a dim mirage of itself inverted, shadow and substance being pinnacle to pinnacle. The berg was about 250 feet tall

and 400 feet long. The imagination of the ultramarine reporters peopled it with seals, polar bears and walruses doing circus stunts, but Capt. Leyland says he did not see them. On the eastward voyage he observed a large fourmasted ship with all sails set gliding high in the clouds. It was a mirage. The real ship was below the horizon.

SHIP HAD ONE PLAGUE CASE At Suez, and a Lascar Died Near This Port

-Crew Held for Observation. Capt. Williams of the British steamship Indrani, which arrived yesterday from China and Japan, reported to Health Officer Doty at Quarantine that a month ago, at Suez, one of the ship's crew, a Lascar, was taken ashore ill apparently of bubonic plague. On Saturday, about 40 miles off this port, another Lascar died and was buried at sea. The captain said this man

did not have the plague. Dr. Doty made a careful examination of the crew of forty-eight men, all Chinese and Lascars, and found that none was ill. As a precautionary measure, however, he decided to send all hands to Hoffman Island for observation. A new crew will be sent down to bring the ship up to dock to-day.

She was disinfected. TWO COPS EAT FORTY PIES.

Contest in Tremont Police Station Ended by Charred Crust-Score 22 to 18. There was a pie eating contest between two cops last night in the Tremont avenue police station, The Bronx Policeman Francis Curran ate 22, to Patrolman Herman Meyer's 18 Curran got away with his 22 in just 23 minutes.

Up to the eighteenth pie it was almost an even break, Curran being about a crustrim in the lead, but then Meyer got hold of one that was burnt some, and the grit, ne said, made his throat sore. were assorted and bakery made All the other cops in the station house

watched the contest, which grew out of a dispute as to the number of pieces of pie a man ought to eat at dinner Meyer had to pay for all forty pies.

Both cops went out on duty afterward. BUYS OIL IN KANSAS NOW. Standard Oil Company Takes All That's

Offered. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 17.-The Standard Oil Company to-day lifted the boycott on the Kansas fields which had been on for nearly a year and is now taking all oil of all grades offered. This order marks the opening of the pipe line from Kansas City to Whiting, Ind., the completion of which gives the Standard facilities

for handling the oil. NO MORE NEWSBOYS ON CARS. One Jumped on Mr. Fuller's Toe and His

Son Complained to the Company. A newsboy on one of the Union Railroad Company's trolley cars in The Bronx stepped on William Fuller's toe a few days

stepped on William Fuller's son wrote a letter to the company complaining.

The company issued an order yesterday against any newsboys selling papers on the cars, and the conductors had a lively time most of the day enforcing the rule.

Mr. Fuller of the sore too lives at 1281 Washington avenue.

Washington avenue.

Senator Clark Doing Nicely. Senator William A. Clark, who was operated on for an abscess of the middle ear last Saturday at his rooms in the Lisbon apartments in West Fifty-eighth street was reported last night to be doing nicely. It would be a question of only a short time; it was said, when the Senator would be out and around again.

Steamer Blown Over and Sunk.

WABASHA, Minn., July 17 .- The steamer Clyde of Stillwater was struck by a storm opposite Minneiska, half way between Winona and this city, to-day. It turned completely over and sank in eighteen feet of water. The crew escaped. The boat belonged to Bronson & Folsom of Stillwater and had in tow a raft of logs.

Justice O'Brien Hurt Playing Golf. Justice Morgan J. O'Brien of the Supreme Court and one of the Equitable trustees is laid up at his country home at Good Ground, L. I., with a sprained leg. He got the hurt playing golf. It was said at his home last night that he was confined to his room and that it would be a week or ten days before he could get out. The in-

jury is not serious. Sixteen Killed in Church Collapse. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, July 17 .- At Fermo, during th celebration of mass yesterday, the floor of the church of the foundling asylum caved in. Sixteen girls were killed and thirty-four were dangerously hurt.

Fire at Fort Hamilton

Three alarms were rung late last nigh for a fire that began in the stables on the reservation at Fort Hamilton.

Insist upon having Burnett's Vanilla.

LOAN TO EQUITABLE A BLIND.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

ARDENT HUNTERS ON TRAIL OF THE LOBBYING FUND.

Society Assumes the \$685,000 Debt—Some One May Take Up That Depew Load -Ryan Said to Be Ready to Sell Stock -Jerome Gets Hendricks' Evidence.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society's loan of \$685,000 from the Mercantile Trust Company, which was mentioned in State Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks's statement published yesterday, is, it was learned yesterday, receiving the most earnest attention of the State Superintendent, and furthermore is being looked into by Chairman Paul Morton of the Equitable and by Attornay-General Mayor.

and by Attorney-General Mayer. There is a growing suspicion in a good many quarters that this standing loan covered expenditures by the Equitable society which the officers did not wish to have appear on the society's books. It known that an investigation is being carried on by at least one of the persons mentioned above on that assumption. By mean of this loan, it was said yesterday, the Equitable officers would have been able to pay money for influencing legislation, of for other improper things that have been charged against them, without the entries appearing on the society's books.

This loan, according to the testimony of H. C. Deming, president of the Mercantile Trust Company, before Supt. Hendricks, was carried in the names of Presis dent James W. Alexander and T. B. Jordan; comptroller, as trustees. It did not appear in the society's statement. It was learned yesterday that the loan has now been placed in the name of the Equitable society.

Mr. Deming, when asked by the superintendent what he knew about this loan; said that it had stood on the trust com pany's books for five or six years, and had been added to from time to time and also reduced from time to time.

The Mercantile Trust Company, Mr. Deming said, doesn't ordinarily loan \$658,000 on the obligations of two men as trustees] but it had in this instance. He did not know what the money, was used for, but the rate of interest which was paid to the trust company was 4 per cent. At the same time he admitted that the society had had a large deposit in the trust company, on which it was receiving only 2 per cent. Mr. Deming finally admitted to Supt. Hendricks that he had always considered the Equitable society responsible for this loan.

Mr. Hendricks said in his statement yesterday that Gov. Higgins, when he heard of the loan, ordered him to hold up his report and investigate further. This the Superintendent did, but up to the time when his report was made public he had been unable to find out anything definite in regard to the use to which the money had been put. It was said shortly before the Hendricks report was published that the Superintendent had called in the head of the State Banking Department to follow a trail which led into an institution over which he had no jurisdiction, and reports were current yesterday that Mr. Kilburn might be asked again to help out in this

matter. H. C. Deming testified that the average amount of the loan was between \$200,000 and \$300,000. In view of the present increased amount, suggestions were made yesterday that a thorough examination of the loan transactions might disclose some interesting information in regard the settlement of the Odell Shipbuilding suit, as well as other Shipbuilding tangles

of recent date. Chairman Morton, it was said yesterday is bound to rush the investigation of thi matter as far as he can with his public ac countants, and both Attorney-General Mayer and Supt. Hendricks, it was declared are ready to cooperate with him. So far as was learned yesterday, Mr. Jerome has not yet begun an investigation of the loan transactions, and probably will not until he has gone over carefully the entire

testimony in the Hendricks investigation. It was learned yesterday also that negotiations have been opened for the payment of the \$250,000 loan which the Depew Improvement Company made from the Equitable after Senator Depew had voted for it as a member of the executive committee. Senator Depew, according to the testimony given before Supt. Hendricks, guaranteed the society against any loss in the venture; but the mortgage that the society held had to be foreclosed in 1903, the society

bidding the property in for about \$55,000.

The deed of the property was filed only

wo days ago at the County Clerk's office

in Buffalo. Who the person is that is stepping forward now with an offer to carry out Senator Depew's guarantee (which the Senator denies he gave) was not learned, but it was said that the prospects are good for a repayment of the loan in a few days. A new director of the Equitable is authority for the statement that Thomas F. Ryan stands ready to sell the 502 shares of the society's capital stock which he bought from James Hazen Hyde for \$2,500,000 back to the society at the price which he paid for it, with 4 per cent. interest added, at any time that the directors of the society desire. Before this could be done, the

society would, of course, have to be su-thorized by the Legislature to make the purchase. According to this director, Mr. Ryan has an understanding with the three trustees of the stock, Grover Cleveland, Justice Morgan J. O'Brien and George Westinghouse, that he will make the sale whenever the society's governing body requests it. It was said yesterday that Mr. Ryan also had assured several of the newly elected directors that he stood ready to carry out this plan whenever it could be done

legally. This information, it was said, was given in response to inquiries by the new directors as to whether it would ever be possible to mutualize the society thoroughly. Some of the directors called at Chairman Morton's office yesterday and formally accepted their elections to the board. Mr. Morton refused to confirm the statements in regard to Mr. Ryan's understanding with the trustees, and no statement was obtainable

at Mr. Ryan's offices. District Attorney Jerome received a copy of the testimony taken in the Hendricks investigation early yesterday morning. Deputy Superintendent of Insurance Robert H. Hunter, who twice refused to deliver the testimony to Mr. Jerome's assistant, France

The Isles of Shoals, including Appledore and Oceanic Hotels, besides several houses on the Islands, are for sale by A. J. Lane Company of Manchester, N. H. See advertisement in the paper.—Ads.